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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - DPRK NUCLEAR PROGRAM

LEAD STORIES: Tuesday morning's Nikkei front-paged a dispatch from New Delhi on a joint statement issued Monday by Japan and India on bilateral cooperation for energy conservation in India. The daily added that Tokyo is planning to ask the US and China to separately strike a similar accord.

¶1. "Thorough Verification Needed to Ensure Complete Denuclearization" The business-oriented Nikkei editorialized (7/3): "North Korea and the IAEA have agreed on the modalities of the latter's verification of the shutdown and sealing of the Yongbyon nuclear complex. Given its track record of broken promises, however, there is little room to hope that Pyongyang will comply with this accord. Unless surveillance and verification are undertaken in a way that fully dispels the international community's suspicions about North Korea's nuclear program, trust in the IAEA itself will be called into question.... While the details of the DPRK-IAEA agreement are still unclear, inspectors are expected to begin arriving in mid-July. Though they should be able to confirm the shutdown and sealing of the Yongbyon facilities, this alone will not lead directly to denuclearization. The February six-party agreement holds that North Korea will discuss with the other five countries a complete declaration of all its nuclear programs, and it remains to be seen whether uranium enrichment will be included. The current consensus of the international community is that North Korea's complete denuclearization should be pursued through the six-party framework. This is a good thing. But at the same time, it appears that the international community is still being manipulated by Pyongyang."

